

**Detroit Housing Commission
Executive Summary
October 11, 2001**

Karen Newton, HUD Assistant Secretary, Office of Troubled Agency Recovery, Added To List Of Speakers For October 28 – 30 NOAAH Conference

Karen Newton, HUD Assistant Secretary, Office of Troubled Agency Recovery, will serve as special guest speaker for the NOAAH (National Organization of African Americans in Housing) Fall Conference. Mayor Dennis W. Archer and HUD Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, Michael Liu, will join Ms. Newton as the featured speakers for the event. The Conference will be held from October 28 – 30, 2001 at the Marriott Renaissance Hotel in Detroit. To register for the conference contact Kelley Lyons at (313) 877-8639.

Separation Transfer Process For DHC Employees Suspended

The City of Detroit, the Detroit Housing Commission and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), Michigan Council 25, and its affiliated locals 23 and 2394, reached an agreement to suspend the separation transfer process for DHC employees. The election letters to employees to either remain with the City or to be employed by DHC have been withdrawn. The separation transfer process has been suspended until further notice.

Grand Opening Of DHC/FIA Collaborative Service Delivery Model At Sojourner Truth

September 28 marked the date for the grand opening of the DHC/Family Independence Agency Collaborative Service Delivery Model at Sojourner Truth's Juanita Dhue Community Resource Center. The Family Independence Agency has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Commission to provide on-site service for Sojourner Truth and Charles Terrace Residents.

Angels' Night Preparations Underway

DHC has begun recruiting residents and staff for the annual Angels' Night activities. The Commission will provide safety equipment and vehicles to participating staff and residents. Those wishing to volunteer can call Keith Armstrong at 877-8849.

HUD Approves Herman Gardens CSS Plan

HUD has approved DHC's Community and Supportive Service Plan for Herman Gardens HOPE VI Program. As a result, the Commission has begun the recruiting process for resident programs and training. The Commission is also working with the Herman Gardens Resident Council to secure 501 c 3 status for the council.

Roof Repair Approved For Scattered Site Homes

The DHC Board of Commissioners has approved a contract for roof repair for 21 scattered site homes. The contractor, Raby Builders, will repair or replace existing roofs and will install new gutters and downspouts. Raby Builders, a minority and small business firm, offered the lowest bid at \$106,606.

Seven Residents Sign Sales Agreements For 5(H) Home Ownership Program

Seven residents have signed sales agreements to purchase their homes. The 5(h) home ownership program affords public housing residents the opportunity to purchase the scattered site home that they live in. The program has led to the sale of four homes to date.

Parkside Carnival Seeks Volunteers

The Friends of Parkside will present its Tenth Annual Halloween Carnival on Saturday, October 27, between 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. at the Villages at Parkside, 5000 Conner. The event will include a Haunted House, best costume contest, live entertainment, games, and a talent show. Free treat bags will be given to the first one thousand children. For more information or to volunteer call (313) 822-0311.

Haunted House Scheduled For Wheeler Center At Brewster And Douglass

DHC, the Commission's Youth Tenant Council, and the Wheeler Recreation Center will be hosting a Second Annual Haunted House, October 29 – 31, at the Wheeler Recreation Center, located at 637 Brewster. Anyone wishing to volunteer can contact DHC's Program Planning Division at 877-8600.

Community Meetings

Brewster Douglass, October 13; Sheridan Place II, October 15; Sojourner Truth, October 17; Warren West, October 17; Conner-Waveney, October 18; Villages at Parkside, October 18; Sheridan Place One, October 18; Charles C. Diggs, Jr. Homes, October 22.